

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – APRIL 9, 2012

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Brian Major called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present: Roll Call – Chairman Major – Y and Selectmen Paul Salafia – Y and Dan Kowalski – Y. Also present: Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo and Town Clerk Larry Murphy. The meeting was duly posted and cable-cast live.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Major asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Communications

The Town Clerk announced that Tuesday, April 10th is the last day for residents to register to vote at the Annual Town Meeting. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 P.M. on that day.

The Assistant Town Manager said the Bald Hill Compost Site will be open from April 13th to May 30th. Residents can obtain permits in the Plant & Facilities Department for \$25.00. Curbside leaf pickup will begin the week of April 23rd and run through Saturday, June 2nd. Leaves must be in brown paper bags or open trash barrels – not in plastic bags.

Selectman Salafia said the ground-breaking ceremony at the Deyermund Field on Blanchard Street this past Saturday was a great event. Also over the weekend, members from the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and members of the Green Advisory Board toured the solar field site at 176 Tewksbury Street. It was an encouraging and interesting interaction between the joint boards that provided progressive, insightful perspectives and one he hopes will be repeated for future endeavors.

Selectman Kowalski reported that as a precaution, burning has been ceased State-wide due to the extremely dry conditions.

IV. 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Chairman Major said the Board will discuss the following warrant articles tonight and any they are not ready to approve will be approved at the next meeting on April 23rd.

Article #6 – Budget Transfers

Hold

Article #25 – School Building Maintenance and Renovation

Hold

The School Committee has not yet taken a position on this article so the Board would like to wait until they do.

Article #29 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Flood Hazard Overlay District

Not acting on this article would eliminate residents in flood areas from being eligible for flood insurance.

Selectman Salafia motioned to recommend approval of Article #29 – Zoning By-law Amendment – Flood Hazard Overlay District. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kowalski and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

Article #30 – Lease of Land 126 Tewksbury Street for Solar Facilities Hold

The members walked the area on Saturday and agreed that the land is a highly-valued, beautiful piece of property adjacent to the Shawsheen River. They agreed to wait for the other Board members before voting.

Article #34 – Tax Increment Financing Plan

There are many details to be worked into the contract before Town Meeting, the shorter term of 5 years appears to be the preference of the Boards and the contract language will be written in that direction. The members talked about the opportunities the TIF would open up for the Town and the company. The five-year agreement meets the Town's needs and they encourage other businesses to apply for a TIF. It was noted that a proper presentation at Town Meeting will be important.

Selectman Salafia voted to recommend approval of Article #34 – Tax Increment Financing Plan – as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Salafia and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

Article #40 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment—Add Industrial D2 District

Selectman Salafia motioned to accept withdrawal of Article #40 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Add Industrial D2 District. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kowalski and voted 3-0 to recommend withdrawal.

B. Assignment of Speakers for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Chairman Major went over the list of warrant articles and the Board member who would be assigned to each at Town Meeting. He matched the members with articles as best he could. The Board discussed the process that will be followed at Town Meeting, explaining articles and positions taken.

IV. Adjournment

On a motion by Selectman Salafia and seconded by Selectman Kowalski, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder

Documents: Updated list of Warrant Articles